

Amendments to the Specification:

After the application's title on page 1 of the specification, please insert the following paragraph:

This is a divisional application of U.S. Application No. 09/647,504, filed February 28, 2001, which is a national stage application of PCT/IB99/00649, filed March 30, 1999, which claims priority to Denmark Application No. DK 0457/98, filed April 1, 1998.

Please delete the paragraph on page 37, lines 4-9, and replace it with the following paragraph:

For PCR amplification 4 different PCR primers were designed:

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| #1 | ATG ACG AGG TCC TTG TTT TTC | <u>(SEQ ID NO: 1)</u> | pos 213-233 |
| #2 | GCT CCT GAT ACG ACA GCG | <u>(SEQ ID NO: 2)</u> | pos 2403-2386 |
| #3 | GCC ATG GAT CAG GCC GGC AAG AGC CCG | <u>(SEQ ID NO: 3)</u> | pos 663-683 |
| #4 | TGG ATC CTC AGA ACG AGC CGC TGG T | <u>(SEQ ID NO: 4)</u> | pos 2258-2238 |

Please delete the paragraph on page 38, lines 9-18, and replace it with the following paragraph:

A 1605 bp fragment was purified and cloned into pCR-BLUNT vector (Invitrogen) according to the instructions of the manufacturer. The sequence of the cloned fragment was confirmed by sequencing using the single dye sequencing technology and a ALF sequencer (Pharmacia; Sweden) using the universal and reverse primers, and four labeled internal primers.

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| CAT CGT AGA GCA CCT CCA | <u>(SEQ ID NO: 5)</u> | 999-982 |
| GAT CAT CAA GGA CTG GTC C | <u>(SEQ ID NO: 6)</u> | 1382-1400 |
| CTT GAG AGC GAA GTC GAA C | <u>(SEQ ID NO: 7)</u> | 1439-1421 |
| GAC TTC ATC CGC CAG CTG AT | <u>(SEQ ID NO: 8)</u> | 1689-1708 |